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1. a. Construction work is underway at the PARCHIM (M 54/T 74) airfield. About two hundred German workers are engaged in leveling the landing field and filling the bomb craters on the concrete runway. The work is nearing completion and only one-fourth of the concrete runway on the west is still to be repaired. The target date for completion, 1 September 1949, can undoubtedly be met.
- b. The repair hangar, hangars and all barracks buildings, except one, are destroyed. The intact barracks is occupied by a Soviet unit of about 150 men (no air force unit).
- c. According to local residents, an air unit is expected to arrive in September 1949. A settlement in the vicinity of the airfield will then probably have to be evacuated.

2. a. The reconstruction work at the PARCHIM airfield made good progress. The number of workers employed at the airfield has recently been decreased from 700 to 600. About 200 laborers are now engaged in leveling the landing field and filling the bomb craters on the runway. The runway is completed except for a 1,300 to 1,600-foot section on the west.

b. A circular taxiway is under construction along the eastern, northern, and western field sectors. A fuel dump is being established in a small woods. A RR spur leads into the southern section of it.

c. Three Soviet Air Force officers inspected the construction work in late June 1949. The only intact barracks block at the field is occupied by an unknown military unit.

Comment: This report, [redacted] confirms the previously reported reconstruction work at the PARCHIM airfield. The work is apparently nearing completion so that the

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target date set on 1 September 1949, as was previously reported, will probably be met. The work comprised: Leveling of the landing field, repair of the damaged runway, and construction of a taxiway. Repairs on buildings was not reported.

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